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1. The Katowice (Q 51/Y 57) airfield was occupied by about 100 single-engine planes with radial engines, two-bladed propellers, noticeably short wings, nose wheels, two-man crews and Polish national emblems. *
2. Sham battles with aircraft weapons were held by individual planes in a formation of six planes. The personnel wore steel-blue air force uniforms similar to the German air force uniforms.
3. White and red marking panels were laid out and soldiers with signal flags crossed the field. When a shot was fired by a signal pistol, three planes, one behind the other, took off first, and six other planes followed later. The planes flew in an element of three and a formation of six.
4. Two double-fuselage planes occasionally took off. They were mid-wing monoplanes, had two radial engines, trapezoidal wings with rounded tips, and rudder assemblies on the end of both fuselages. The cockpit was mounted on the wings between the fuselages and protruded beyond the leading edges of the engines and extended back as far as the middle of the plane. **

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[redacted] Comment. This is the first information that the Katowice airfield is occupied by an air unit. The large number of planes is believed doubtful. The plane described is a Polish type, presumably a Szpak-2.

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** [redacted] Comment. The plane is apparently the former German FW-189. [redacted] it is believed that a n air reconnaissance pilot school or an air gunnery school is stationed at the field.

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